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For: METHODS FOR EVALUATING TISSUE  
MORPHOGENESIS AND ACTIVITY

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a final Office Action dated January 24, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 6, 8-15, 17-28 and 123-125. The Office Action provides a period of three months for filing a response, due by April 24, 2006. Applicants are concomitantly requesting a one-month extension of time. Accordingly, the next due date is May 24, 2006. Therefore, this response is being timely filed. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

Corrected replacement drawings are attached.

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